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WITH "THREE CHEERS FOR BOOKS!" as the rousing slogan for National Children's Book Week, libraries in Montana and all over the nation will celebrate during November 10-16th. Begun in 1919, this Week has become a traditional time to highlight for children the pleasure and knowledge to be found in reading good books.

NEW MONTANA JUVENILES IN TIME FOR BOOK WEEK: Jo Sykes from Livingston has a Junior Literary Guild selection with Trouble Creek, Holt, 1963 $3.50. Here is an adventure story for teenagers which takes place in the rugged mountains of present-day Montana. The Loner by Ester Wier, McKay, 1963 $2.95 is a tale of a lonely orphan boy on a sheep ranch in the remote areas of Montana.

BEGIN YOUR MONTANA CENTENNIAL SHOPPING EARLY for there is no time like the present to prepare for this event and no place more accessible than the library where informative books and materials may be obtained. An excellent source for librarians to obtain suggestions for the person interested in local history is the American Library Association, Small Libraries Project pamphlet #9, Supplement D, which recommends the following: "Local history: how to find and write it," by Daniel Whitener .75¢; "Local history: how to gather it, write it, and publish it," by Donald Parker $1.00. The State Library Commission has these on order but every library will probably want to purchase its own to assist with local celebrations.

LIBRARIAN HONORED. Mrs. Mary H. Hagerty, Assistant Librarian of the Great Falls Public Library has been named "Business Woman of the Year" by the Treasure Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Mrs. Hagerty has worked in the library for 12 years and is familiar to readers of the Great Falls Tribune's Montana Parade for her interesting weekly article "Library Notes" to which she has contributed for the past nine years.

SOMEWHAT OVER A BAKER'S DOZEN. Librarians, trustees and friends of the library gathered in Baker at the Fallon County Free Library for a Sagebrush Federation of Libraries meeting on Oct. 15. Librarian, Mrs. Alice O. Newell was hostess to representatives from Carter, Custer, Dawson and Garfield counties. Topics covered were: the small public library - its establishment, organization, development and reference services.

RED LODGE LIBRARIAN, BOB MORAN was host to a group of 23 which included librarians, trustees and County Commissioners from Belfry, Bridger and Carbon County who heard Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth of the State Library Commission discuss plans for county-wide library service on Oct. 18. Luncheon was held in Natali's restaurant and the film "Yours for the Asking" was shown.

REMODELING AND RENOVATION. The juvenile section of the Helena Public Library will re-open November 18th according to Roger Spillers, librarian. The newly remodeled area in the basement will contain brand new furniture and shelves, plus 5,000 juvenile books recently re-catalogued. The Sheridan County Library in Plentywood has undergone extensive renovation. Ceilings have been lowered, a new lighting system installed and the main reading room redecorated. Dorothy Anhalt, librarian, invites everyone to come view the improvements.

DR. ALMA S. JACOBS, Librarian of the Great Falls Public Library captivated the Montana Association of English Teachers, the Audio Visual group and the Library section of the M.E.A. in Missoula as their luncheon speaker. Mrs. Jacobs told as a demonstration of the art of Story Telling, the delightful story poem of Dylan Thomas, "A Child's Christmas in Wales."

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SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES AND RELATIONSHIPS is the title of a newly issued brochure written by Harriet Miller, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, State Librarian. This comprehensive pamphlet discusses the role of the school library and presents guidelines to assist in the development of local policy statements for library services. Miss Miller and Mrs. Longworth discussed the brochure at the M.E.A. conference in Missoula.

THE STATE LIBRARY AND AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE with Alve Thomas, Sheridan Superintendent of Schools as Chairman, will hold its first meeting of the year in Helena, November 25th in Harriet Miller's office. This is the expanded former School Library Committee which was appointed by Miss Miller in 1958. Members are: Mrs. Margaret Alger, Deer Lodge; Katherine Anderson, Great Falls; E. A. Blockey, Bozeman; A. G. Erickson, Helena; Mrs. Alice Fossen, Wolf Point; Robert L. Hamilton, Billings; Torrance Harvey, Kalispell; Mrs. Robert Herrig, Libby; Lawrence Hodges, Missoula; Mrs. Marian Huffman, Choteau; Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Missoula; Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, Missoula; Homer Loucks, Helena; Maynard Olson, Helena; W. G. Rafter, Lewistown; Mrs. Richard Stevens, Great Falls; Dr. Willis Vandiver, Bozeman; and Mrs. Frances Wells, Billings.

"READING IS THE KEY" will be the theme for National Library Week to be celebrated April 12-18, 1964. Randall Swanberg, State Chairman for Montana has called an organizational meeting for November 16th to be held in Great Falls at the Rainbow Hotel. NLW state committee members will make big plans for the program and projects for this observance.

MORE JUNIOR AUTHORS, edited by Muriel Fuller and published by the H.W. Wilson Company is now available for $5.00.

NEW YORK - NEW YORK - AND THAT WONDERFUL FAIR ! Librarians who wish to make application to work at the American Reference Center in the United States Pavilion of the New York World's Fair should write for blanks to: Gordon P. Martin, ALA Project Director, American Reference Center, c/o Univac Division, Sperry Rand Corp., 1290 Sixth Ave., New York 19. They must be mailed by December 31, 1963. Librarians will be selected on the basis of: professional competence, professional experience, personality, geographic location and availability at time needed.

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A BOOKMARK

You go out in a ship, up in a plane,
Around in a car, and far in a train.
But every good book that you begin
Goes far, around, up, out, and in.
As far in as imagining goes
To time, or to anywhere anyone knows.
Have a good trip ! And just in case
You stop to rest, I'll hold your place.

--- John Ciardi